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In re Patent Application of:
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For: MICROFLUID MOLECULAR-FLOW
FRACTIONATOR AND BIOREACTOR WITH
INTEGRATED ACTIVE/PASSIVE
DIFFUSION BARRIER

Examiner: P. K. Wright

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Further to the Amendment filed by Applicants on December 9, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed December 19, 2008, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination, along with this Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.